Alcoholic Beverages Tax

Alcoholic beverages tax is imposed on Nebraska beer, liquor, and wine wholesalers and manufacturers.

The tax rate for beer is 31 cents per gallon. The tax rate for wine and other dilute alcoholic beverages, regardless of the alcoholic content, is \$.95 per gallon, except for wine produced in farm wineries. The rate for wine produced in farm wineries is 6 cents per

gallon. The tax rate for alcohol and spirits is \$3.75 per gallon.

Revenue from the alcoholic beverages tax is deposited in the General fund. The alcoholic beverages tax is administered by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Table 2 — Alcoholic Beverage Gallons and Revenues for 2004

| MONTH | BEER GALLONS | BEER REVENUE | ALCOHOL & SPIRITS GALLONS | WINE GALLONS | ALCOHOL SPIRITS & WINE REVENUES | FARM WINERY GALLONS | FARM WINERY REVENUE |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| January | 3,199,984 | \$982,080 | 237,815 | 266,827 | \$1,134,099 | 4,126 | \$245.50 |
| February | 3,266,994 | 1,002,662 | 132,886 | 123,511 | 609,512 | 2,154 | 128.15 |
| March | 3,516,257 | 1,078,836 | 159,486 | 164,994 | 747,254 | 1,176 | 69.84 |
| April | 3,696,400 | 1,132,377 | 193,280 | 174,617 | 881,770 | 1,770 | 105.12 |
| May | 4,164,123 | 1,277,969 | 164,261 | 151,464 | 752,281 | 1,347 | 79.95 |
| June | 4,071,897 | 1,251,233 | 174,335 | 160,168 | 797,857 | 1,926 | 114.43 |
| July | 4,533,242 | 1,389,714 | 210,729 | 176,557 | 948,390 | 3,665 | 217.75 |
| August | 3,497,166 | 1,073,279 | 170,732 | 145,142 | 770,349 | 2,934 | 174.45 |
| September | 4,028,800 | 1,237,053 | 188,589 | 160,435 | 851,037 | 3,585 | 212.91 |
| October | 4,351,468 | 1,335,391 | 177,434 | 156,262 | 805,670 | 2,594 | 154.09 |
| November | 3,047,641 | 933,730 | 212,891 | 212,435 | 990,155 | 2,693 | 159.85 |
| December | 3,466,686 | 1,065,569 | 191,251 | 210,153 | 907,670 | 2,995 | 177.73 |
| Total | 44,840,658 | \$13,759,893 | 2,213,689 | 2,102,565 | \$10,196,043 | 30,965 | \$1,839.77 |

Chronology of Alcoholic Beverage Tax Rates*

| EFFECTIVE DATE | BEER | ALCOHOL AND SPIRITS | LIGHT WINES** | FORTIFIED WINES*** |
|-------------------|------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| May 24, 1935 | 3.0¢ | \$.50 | 5.0¢ | \$.15 |
| May 1, 1937 | 3.5 | .80 | 15.0 | .40 |
| May 30, 1947 | 4.0 | 1.00 | 20.0 | .55 |
| August 25, 1951 | 4.0 | 1.20 | 20.0 | .55 |
| June 1, 1963 | 6.0 | 1.60 | 20.0 | .55 |
| April 1, 1965 | 8.0 | 1.60 | 20.0 | .55 |
| July 1, 1972 | 10.0 | 2.00 | 75.0 | .75 |
| June 1, 1977 | 11.0 | 2.25 | 85.0 | .85 |
| September 7, 1979 | 12.0 | 2.50 | 55.0 | 1.10 |
| August 30, 1981 | 14.0 | 2.75 | 65.0 | 1.25 |
| October 1, 1985 | 20.0 | 2.90 | 75.0 | 1.35 |
| October 1, 1987 | 23.0 | 3.00 | 75.0 | 1.35 |
| July 1, 2003 | 31.0 | 3.75 | 95.0 | .95 |

^{*} Tax per gallon

^{**} Fourteen percent or less alcohol

^{***} More than 14% alcohol